

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Finance
Title of Travel	Federal-Provincial-Territorial Finance Ministers' Meeting
Location	Ottawa, ON
Date(s)	December 16 - 17, 2019
Participants	Honourable Donna Harpauer, Minister of Finance Ashley Anderson, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Finance Rupen Pandya, Deputy Minister of Finance Arun Srinivas, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance Ashley Metz, Assistant Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Affairs
Purpose of Travel	To attend Federal-Provincial-Territorial Finance Ministers' Meeting
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants	
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees)	\$4,409.77
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, and buses)	\$ 276.40
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)	\$1,276.71
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)	\$ 402.00
Conference & Registration Fees	\$0.00
Miscellaneous (including temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and inoculation fees, laundry and dry cleaning, and other sundry expenditures)	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$6,364.88
General Travel Expenditures	
Business Hosting Expenses (luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)	\$0.00
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$6,364.88

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The December Finance Ministers' Meeting is an important opportunity for Saskatchewan's Minister of Finance to meet with her federal, provincial and territorial counterparts to discuss current fiscal and economic issues.

Travel Activity:

This meeting included introductory remarks by Minister Morneau, followed by:

- A presentation by the Governor of the Bank of Canada, Stephen Poloz, on the Global Economy and Canadian Monetary Policy;
- A presentation by Minister Fortier, Federal Minister of Middle Class Prosperity and Associate Minister of Finance, on Inclusive Growth (including: the state of the economy, housing affordability, poverty, and the labour market);
- A presentation by the President and CEO of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Evan Siddall, on the housing market including a discussion on affordability, risk, debt levels and the Mortgage Stress Test;
- An update on Actions to Combat Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing lead by Leah Anderson (ADM, Financial Sector Policy);
- A session on the Triennial Review of the Canada Pension Plan with a presentation by Minister Morneau;
- A discussion on Cannabis Taxation including a presentation by Andrew Marsland, (ADM Tax Policy) and a draft progress report on the cannabis taxation framework; and,
- A discussion on the federal Fiscal Stabilization Program (FSP) facilitated by Minister Morneau as a response to the consensus of Premiers that the FSP needs to be strengthened and modernized.

The Ministers also discussed the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and Health Care Funding and provided brief economic and fiscal updates from their respective jurisdictions.